

## *The Service of Worship for Christmas Day*

*As we gather for worship, each one is invited to greet those who worship with them and to pray in silence in preparation for the worship of God.*

**Collect for Christmas Day:** *All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all my believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

### **WE COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH PRAISE**

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Candle Lighting

Carol Sing (the Congregation is asked to suggest Christmas Carols to sing. Found on pages 249-288.)

**Call to Worship:** The Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20

**Prayer of Adoration and Praise** (unison)

*God Most High, your only Son embraced the weakness of flesh, to give us power to become your children; your eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence. Grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have made our own, and how great the hope to which we are called in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.*

### **WE PLACE OUR LIVES INTO GOD'S HANDS**

**A Time for the Children** (As the children come to the front, the congregation sings the first verse of "Away In A Manger," Hymn No. 262)

**The Lighting of the Candles of Advent and the Christ Candle**

**Offering:** The Congregation sings "What Can I Give Him? – No. 263

Offertory

\*Doxology – No. 815

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **Prayers of the People**

Sharing Our Prayer Concerns

Prayers (Members of the Congregation are asked to share their prayers aloud.)

Congregational Response (seated): Hymn No. 267 ("I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day")

### **Scripture Lessons**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 2:1-12

### **Special Music**

### **Sermon**

**"What Do You Expect?"**

Dr. Boyd

### **\*Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. On this Christmas Day, we declare once again, that Jesus is Lord. To God be the glory! Amen.*

**Gloria Patri** – No. 813

### **WE GO FORTH IN FAITH**

### **\*Hymn No. 270**

**"Joy To The World"**

**Charge to the Congregation:** *As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Col. 3:12-14)*

\*Benediction

Postlude

**Greeters:** Today – Don/Pat Bennett      Next Week - Tom/Julie Hardison  
**Ushers:** Today – Benny/Chris Williams      Next Week – SPropst/CPike

**Nursery:** Today – Jen Gooch      Next Week – Jen Gooch

**Children’s Church:**  
Today – Emily Chance      Next Week – Cathy Pike

**Children’s Sunday School:**  
Today – No classes today      Next Week – Brandi Smith

**Youth Sunday School:**  
Today – No classes today      Next Week – Mike Hardison

**Meal Team Today:** No meal today

**Meal Team Next Week:** Fellowship Dinner (pot luck) (Team #6 to host)

**December Birthdays:** 5<sup>th</sup>-EMarquez, KRay, K Shucher; 7<sup>th</sup> – SWentz; 9<sup>th</sup>:  
BWilliams, Rich Boyd; 14<sup>th</sup> – Richie Boyd; 15<sup>th</sup> –PKillingsworth; 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Evan Morden; 17<sup>th</sup> – Blittlewood; 19<sup>th</sup> – Nate Edwards; 23<sup>rd</sup> – DJEborn,  
SMartin; 26<sup>th</sup> – PClark; 30<sup>th</sup> – CMiller.

**December Anniversaries:**14<sup>th</sup> – D/P Bennett; 19<sup>th</sup> – B/R Andersen; 20<sup>th</sup> –  
PRKillingsworth; 29<sup>th</sup> – R/K Hardison.

**Budgeted (51 Weeks) -                      Given (51 Weeks) -**

**Total Given For Special Assistance To Date –**

**Food Items Given for RCS -**

**Clothing and Items Given for RCS to date –**

**Attendance Last Week:**

**Attendance at Christmas Eve Service:**

*This is the final Sunday of the year. Those who wish to make a financial contribution before the close of the year may do so this morning or any time this week. Your church family is grateful for all contributions made during this year. Merry Christ and a Happy New Year to all!*